

GIRL SEEKS JESUS

THINKS SOME ONE TRYING TO HARM HER—WALKS TO DAWSON AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

A most pathetic incident happened in Cimarron last week. A young Finnish girl came into Cimarron, and took service with Mrs. Chas. Springer as a housemaid. She had been acting queerly for a day or so, and then suddenly disappeared, having left the house in the middle of the night. About 11:30 Mrs. Savage, of the Swastika hotel, was aroused from her slumbers by a loud knocking at the door. Arising, she found a young girl all distracted, and took her in, put her to bed, and did many other kindnesses for her. The girl could not talk English very well, and it was at first thought that she was merely frightened at something. In the morning, she was still frightened, declared that some big man was following her and would harm her, and went into hysterics, sobbing and moaning as if her heart would break. Mrs. Savage attempted to quiet her fears, and insisted on her staying at the hotel for a day or so. The girl had no money, and wanted to go to Raton, where she said she could go to work. She then stated that she wanted to go back to the Springer residence, and find out why Mrs. Springer had turned her out. In the meantime, Mrs. Springer was using every effort to locate the girl, fearing that some harm had befallen her. It was arranged by the guests at the Swastika, to get a carriage and take the girl back to the Springer ranch, but when Mr. S. E. Pelphrey offered to conduct her, she said that she was afraid to leave the house, that a big man was after her, and that she wanted Jesus. She then again disappeared, and investigation showed that she had walked out to the Springer house once more. She spent her time crying, moaning and looking for Jesus, and in a day or so again disappeared, leaving all her effects behind. It is said that she walked to Dawson, still looking for Jesus, though he alone knows why she should have searched for him there, and going to a hotel, took a second story room. Locking the door, this poor unfortunate girl attempted suicide, so the Citizen is informed, by throwing herself out of the window.

SPRINGER GETS SUGAR FACTORY

HOLLY SUGAR COMPANY WILL BUILD PLANT—FARMERS AGREE TO RAISE BEETS.

The Santa Fe New Mexican is authority for the following item, dated Springer, March 19th: According to a statement made by the general manager of the French Land and Irrigation company here, an agreement has been made with the farmers in this section whereby a large sugar beet factory will be built near here by the Holly Sugar company of Colorado. The farmers will raise enough beets to supply the factory. It is expected work on the construction of the factory will be begun at an early date. The building of such a factory will be of great value to the Cimarron Valley and will incidentally be a great help to Cimarron, and the Citizen sincerely hopes that the completion of the work will be speedy.

ENTERTAINED CLUB LADIES.

Last Friday afternoon, the ladies of the Swastika club were entertained at the home of Mrs. E. J. Belton, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all those fortunate enough to attend. The main feature of the afternoon's entertainment was a guessing contest and the prizes were won by Mrs. Griggs and Mrs. Nance. Those present were Mrs. Ira Duckworth, Mrs. A. C. Cox, Mrs. Chas. Reeves, Mrs. Leslie Nance, Mrs. Henry Livran, Mrs. James Ollridge, of Canon City, Colo., and Mrs. Griggs of Chico Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fourong are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing eight pound boy, who reached their home last Sunday evening.

Y.M.C.A. HONOR ST. PATRICK

MERRY MASQUERADE GIVES ENJOYMENT TO ALL—UNIQUE COSTUMES.

One of the merriest and most enjoyable social events Cimarron has had for some time took place last Wednesday at the old Aztec Hall, the present quarters of the Star Lodge of the C. M. A. Cimarron could no more let alone a celebration in honor of St. Patrick's day than it could spend the Glorious Fourth in quiet. Our sometime social editor, Mr. "Eton Jogalong," as he signs himself, has given us the following account of the merry event.

C. M. A. Ball.

Yes, we celebrated. Shades of St. Patrick! but we had a fine time. Just the right number of people to be a crowd, without a crush.

Among the ladies we invited Mrs. Chas. Scott, resplendent in bridal attire, Mrs. F. Whitney, in the picturesque character of a Colonial Dame, Mrs. Nannie Moore in a very fetching "Swastika" costume, while "Night," "Queen of Hearts" and numerous other pretty ideas were represented.

Among the men, were Mr. Howard Vest as the "Noble Red Man," Mr. Chas. Scott, who upheld the dignity of Uncle Sam, while Mr. Fred Whitney posed very gracefully in Oriental trappings as "The Turk."

Master Duke Logan enjoyed his first "mask," and as clowns, he and Matsie Heck, in the same character, made a lively pair.

But "The Wild Man from Borneo," kept us all guessing; and when we unmasked, and Billie Vance stood revealed, every one said or looked "stung."

At a late (or rather early) hour (3 o'clock a. m.) the merry crowd left the hall, with hearty thanks to the C. M. A. boys, and "many happy returns of the 17th of Oireland."

EATON JOGALONG.

CIMARRON TO PLAY YANKEE

CIMARRON BALL TEAM WILL MEET THE YANKEE AGGREGATION NEXT SUNDAY AT RATON.

Arrangements have been completed for a game of baseball between the Cimarron team and the fancy baseball jugglers of Yankee next Sunday. The big game will be pulled off at Raton, and it is expected that it will be an interesting one. While Cimarron does not pretend to have a team such as it had last year, still we have some of the old players with us, and some rattling good material has been developed in the local games we have been having every week. It is understood that Yankee will do its worst to the Cimarron team—if it can—and it looks as if the game will be a fast one from start to finish, because Captain Brooke states he is going after the score and intends to get it.

The Citizen believes that the team will come back covered with glory, dust and Yankee ball players' scalps.

IN HONOR OF MISS THATCHER

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Records was the scene of a most enjoyable informal gathering, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher, who have returned to Cimarron as the guests of the Records. A party of young people gathered, and passed the pleasant evening in playing whist and in dancing.

Miss Thatcher has been suffering from rheumatism, and was forced to leave Kansas City, her home in an effort to rid herself of her illness. She spent most of last summer in Cimarron for the same reason, and was so much benefited by her visit here that it is expected that she will continue to stay here for some little time.

The Raton Range, while poking a little fun at Cimarron, playfully asks for an expression on the subject of a suitable summer resort for Hebron. In the same jovial spirit the Citizen would suggest the work room of the Range's city editor as an ideal place to find perfect rest and nerve quieting relaxation from the bustling toil of a busy day.

CROCKER ROBBED

CROCKER MERCANTILE STORE IS LOOTED—SEVERAL PAIRS OF SHOES TAKEN.

Last Monday night the Crocker Mercantile Store was looted by thieves, but only a small haul was made. It seems that the robbers did not actually break clear into the store, but contented themselves with going around to the back of the building, where they discovered a window unlocked and partially opened, and then reaching into the store and lifting several pairs of shoes.

Mr. J. O. Rogers, the manager of the store, states that he thinks the shoes were the only thing stolen. While he has no assurance who the parties were that took the plunder, still he has found a good clue which may lead to the arrest of the guilty party, or parties. It is seldom that a crime can be committed without leaving some evidence behind, and this is especially true in this case. The Citizen expects to hear that the arrests have been made within a day or so.

BASE BALL AND POLO

USUAL WEEKLY BALL GAME WAS EXCITING ONE—CROWD WITNESSED POLO.

Cimarron again witnessed its weekly baseball game between local pick up teams, and the game was an exciting one, the score tying up to the last inning. At last Captain Barr's sturdy aggregation, ran in another score and the game ended 12 to 13. The weather was fine, and the crowd in the grand stand was able to enjoy a fine exhibition of ball.

During the afternoon, a few polo players got out and knocked the ball around, and finally played a short game, to the delight of the spectators.

CHURCH GIVES SHADOW SOCIAL

The younger members of the Methodist church are to give a social at the church next Friday evening. The social will be called a "shadow social" and will be very unique, and undoubtedly afford great sport. Young ladies will auction off to the highest bidders. And to make the prospect even more alluring, they will go to the purchaser with a big bunch under their arm. Oh it is to be great. The way the bidding is carried on is as follows: The young lady with her basket will be placed behind a screen, and a strong light thrown on her. The bidder tries to guess who the young lady may be, and what she may have in her basket. When the auction is over, the lucky bidder gets a chance to eat what is in the basket, and also has the pleasure of entertaining the fair one at his little luncheon.

There can be no doubt but that this method will prove highly attractive to the youths of Cimarron, because the chance to get a good lunch and a pretty girl to help share it, does not come every day.

CHURCH ITEMS.

Last Sunday the regular services of the Methodist Episcopal church, were conducted by Rev. J. Alfred Morgan. The subject of the morning sermon was "Weighed in the Balance and found Wanting," while that of the evening was "The Prodigal Son," both sermons being very forceful and eloquently bringing out the points the speaker wished to express.

WIFE CHARGED WITH HER HUSBAND'S MURDER

Bloomington, Ill., March 23.—The body of Judge J. L. Pearson, the farmer who lived near Foolsland, for whose alleged poisoning his wife and Elsie O'Neil are said to be responsible, was exhumed yesterday at the cemetery near Belleflower, this county. Disinterment was made in the presence of State's Attorney Coggeshall of Champaign county. The latter has been engaged to conduct the postmortem examination. He removed the stomach and will conduct the analysis in Chicago. It probably will be a week before the report is filed.

CHILDREN SUE HEIRS OF ALFONSO FOR AN ANNUITY

Madrid, March 23.—The judges in the Elena Sanz affair called at the palace yesterday to take the evidence of the queen mother.

Elena Sanz was a Spanish actress by whom King Alfonso XII. had two natural sons. These children are now suing the heirs of Alfonso XIII. for an annuity which they claim was left to their mother by the king and which was to revert, after death, to them.

The queen deposed that a few days after the death of Alfonso XIII. Senor Salmeron came to Senor Abella, who was then master of the household, and told him that Elena Sanz had in her possession certain letters from the late king the publication of which would cause a scandal. She would give them up for \$15,000, and in addition Salmeron claimed \$1,000 for his services in the matter. Trusting to the integrity of Salmeron, the queen paid over these sums and was assured by him that all the letters in question had been destroyed. The present suit of the Sanz heirs, however, is based entirely upon letters identical with those which the queen paid to have burned.

The Sanz matter is to come up before the supreme court, that tribunal having declared itself competent to try the case.

ORGANIZE K. OF C'S

HENRY STEEN AND J. J. JAGER ON COMMITTEE TO PERFECT ORGANIZATION.

There is a movement on foot among the Catholic young men in Colfax county to form a council of the Knights of Columbus at Raton. There are a large number of eligible men in the county and it is thought that a large council can be organized very shortly. J. J. Jager and Henry Steen of Cimarron, both members of the K. C. have been appointed on the committee on organization, and it is their duty to look after the interests of the order here in Cimarron and vicinity.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Burt Williams of Dawson, is in Cimarron on business.

Mr. Henry Livran is in Denver, Colo., transacting business.

C. G. Cypher of the Cimarron city mining district, was in Cimarron Monday and Tuesday.

Justice of the Peace, C. R. van Houten, from the upper Pomil, has been spending a few days in Cimarron.

Peter Swanson, who has been working as stonemason in Cimarron for the past three months, has left for Raton.

James Lail left Cimarron for the Maxwell farm, near Maxwell City, where he will attend to branding some cattle.

Dr. R. C. Dryden, the chief surgeon of the St. L. R. M. & P. R. R. was a visitor in Cimarron last Monday and Tuesday.

Jas. Rogers, the genial manager of the Crocker Mercantile Co., is rejoicing over the recovery of his horse, which strayed away about a week ago.

J. W. Stevenson, who spent some time in Cimarron last summer, is now engaged in the fancy chicken business in Colorado, having his chicken ranch about ten miles out of Denver.

Mr. Henry Springer of Las Vegas, is a visitor in Cimarron. Mr. Springer has been attending the Agricultural College of the University of Illinois, and will give his time to the C. S. ranch under the management of Mr. H. M. Letts.

J. W. Records has returned from Montana, where he has been in the interests of the estate of Mr. Lamperton, Mrs. Record's father. Mr. Records reports that the weather in Montana has been very cold, but that the cattle are looking extremely fine in spite of the weather.

ITALIAN HANGED OVER PROTEST OF CONSUL

Washington, March 23.—Joseph Paolucci, an Italian, was hanged here today for the murder of his sweetheart, Elizabeth V. Dodge, in September, 1906.

The Italian ambassador intervened in Paolucci's behalf on the claim that his trial had not been an imperial one, but the president refused to commute the sentence.

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SENT BABY BY U.S. MAIL

Denver, March 23.—In a mail pouch which arrived at Portales, N. M., was the body of an infant addressed to Roy Carr who had been in Portales but left before the arrival of the grewsome mail.

The infant was wrapped up in cloth and came from Woodstock, Illinois. A note in a lady's handwriting read: "I didn't know what else to do with it so I sent it to you."

When Carr left Portales he stated to friends that he was going to Woodstock.

GOVERNMENT TO PROBE MINE HORRORS

Washington, March 23.—Soon after convening today the senate entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. When the committee amendment appropriating \$195,000 for continuing the investigation for the protection of lives of miners in the territories and the district of Alaska, was called up. Senator Knox offered an additional amendment making the provision apply to the entire country.

Mr. Teller declared that he would not consent to have that provision apply to Colorado, which he said had satisfactory mining regulations. Disclaiming that there was any intention on his part to interfere with the states, Mr. Knox said he believed the stat s would welcome such investigation.

"The amendment was finally agreed to."

"In European countries," said Mr. Knox, "where such investigations are conducted, the loss of life in mining is trifling compared with the results in this country."

Mr. Teller retorted that no country in Europe escaped mining disasters to as great an extent as does Colorado. As the case now stands, he said, if a mine owner does not object to such investigation they can be extended to his mines.

The amendment was defended by Mr. Hemenway (Indiana) and after further discussion by Senators Beveridge, Clay, Owen and Newlands, was agreed to.

CAPTAIN CARTER WILL ASK ROOSEVELT TO RESTORE HIM

Chicago, March 23.—Oberlin M. Carter, formerly captain United States engineer corps, will seek restoration to the army and to his rank as a result of the vindication of the Savannah harbor graft charges on Saturday. He is confident of obtaining from the president this recognition of the justice of the court's decision.

While admitting yesterday that reinstatement in the army is what he desires, Mr. Carter would not discuss his plans for bringing the matter to the attention of the administration. From advisers it was learned that he will petition President Roosevelt directly.

Restoration of the honor that was torn from him is placed above all other considerations by the former captain. It has been known among his friends for some time that he has refused repeated offers of high salaries from engineering concerns that recognized his ability. He would not accept them while his reputation was under a cloud, and he always has declared he would devote the rest of his life, if necessary, to removing the stain on his name.

FASHIONABLE NEW YORK HOMES ARE ROBBED

New York, March 23.—Burglars entered four residences in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Ninety-sixth street, in the heart of the fashionable East side district, early yesterday. They failed, however, to get away with anything of much value in three of them. From the fourth, that of George O. Thatcher, they took about \$1,500 worth of gold spoons and \$500 worth of small jewelry. They jumped from a high fence in the rear of the house of Benjamin Thaw, uncle of Harry K. Thaw, to the fire escape on the rear of the Thatcher residence, boldly carrying their plunder from the last named residence out the front door under the light of a street lamp directly opposite the house.

The other houses entered were those of Colonel Albert E. Hilton, Mrs. N. F. Dana and Mrs. Sidney Smith.

REID DINED BY KING.

Biarritz, March 23.—King Edward gave a private dinner tonight, the guests including Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and his daughter, Miss Jean Reid.